

Donna Hoggeth

From: Lee Farrier <Lee.Farrier@Arch-Group.co.uk>
Sent: 19 July 2017 18:12
To: Paul Littlefair
Cc: Richard Wearmouth; Gordon Castle; Allison Joynson
Subject: Re: Alnwick youth hostel

I have sent email and also left him a message.

I will get someone up there in the morning.

Thanks again Paul

Lee

Sent from my iPhone

On 19 Jul 2017, at 18:02, Paul Littlefair <Paul.littlefair@Arch-Group.co.uk> wrote:

Just rang Gordon and left a message , Lee is on the case

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From: Richard Wearmouth [<mailto:richard.wearmouth@northumberland.gov.uk>]
Sent: 19 July 2017 17:21
To: Paul Littlefair <Paul.littlefair@Arch-Group.co.uk>
Cc: Gordon Castle <gordon.castle@northumberland.gov.uk>; Allison Joynson

<allison.joynson@northumberland.gov.uk>

Subject: Alnwick youth hostel

Paul

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Gordon Castle, one of the County Councillors for Alnwick has been on to me. He is also a director of Alnwick Youth Hostel, a listed building owned by ARCH and leased to the youth hostel. I have copied him to this email

Today, John Rutter, NCC Building Inspector apparently, came near to closing it down because of a stone mullioned window perceived to be in a dangerous condition. There are 19 occupants resident there at present and the window faces above a main pavement route into town.

A local stone mason has said he will look again tomorrow morning and may be able to effect a very temporary repair. Gordon says we appear to need urgent scaffolding and will do immediately whatever is required. However, this looks like being a very large bill into several thousand pounds as 4 of the 5 windows also require attention, though none so urgently as this.

Not sure who would be dealing with this building but can someone call Gordon [REDACTED]
?

Thanks

Richard



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From: Lee Farrier <Lee.Farrier@Arch-Group.co.uk>
Sent: 19 July 2017 18:19
To: Allison Joynson
Cc: Paul Littlefair; Richard Wearmouth; Gordon Castle; Adrian Stanley
Subject: Re: Alnwick youth hostel

Hi Allison

As the NCC building inspector has not closed the site but stated it is in need of work it would appear he has deemed it is safe at present.

We will get people on site first thing - Paul do we have a structural Engineer we can call on to attend tomorrow or aware of anyone at NCC who could attend within their property team ?

Thanks

Lee
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On 19 Jul 2017, at 18:13, Allison Joynson <allison.joynson@northumberland.gov.uk> wrote:

Do we not need a structural engineer to look at it urgently and advise on how to make safe if there are people in it tonight (or move the people)?

Thanks
 Allison

On 19 July 2017 at 18:07, Lee Farrier <Lee.Farrier@arch-group.co.uk> wrote:
 Thanks Paul for responding.

Dear All

The building is leased to the youth hostel on full repair and insure lease terms so they are ultimately responsible for the maintenance and repair of the building both internally and externally.

However I will arrange for someone from the maintenance team to attend site tomorrow to have a look and advise the youth hostel accordingly of course of action required as I appreciate this is a big job and they may not have level of expertise on site to deal with this.

If necessary we can look to advise of potential contractors that would assist in this matter but it appears that Gordon already has this in hand re temporary repair.

I am going to try and ring Gordon now to advise of above in case he doesn't pick up email.

Thanks

Lee

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On 19 Jul 2017, at 17:59, Paul Littlefair <Paul.littlefair@Arch-Group.co.uk> wrote:

Sorry I've just seen this . Thank's for the notification

I think this was acquired by Arch in 2012 from the administrators of the Alnwick Development Trust , under through the council who had agreed the purchase and then handed it to Arch. The imperative was to protect the loss of a grant whereby it could continue trading as a Youth Hostel and to stop it going to open market sale.

As an asset it comes under Lee Farrier and Ive spoken to him and by copy he is aware of the situation and the safety risk . Someone from his team in Arch will be out tomorrow first thing accompanied by our Health and Safety Manager if necessary .

As a listed building NCC conservation team will have to be involved on any permanent repairs with a specialist stonework contractor and the action of a stonemason to do temporary stabilisation necessary against risk is the right course of action .

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From: Lee Farrier <Lee.Farrier@Arch-Group.co.uk>
Sent: 20 July 2017 20:54
To: Michael Black; Richard Wearmouth
Cc: Cath Homer
Subject: Re: Northumberland Tourism

Thanks Michael

I will get info first thing tomorrow.

Richard

If you have any queries regarding the estate in future (both Commercial or Homes) please just direct to me in the first instance rather than a Michael.

Kind Regards

Lee

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On 20 Jul 2017, at 20:18, Michael Black <Michael.Black@Arch-Group.co.uk> wrote:

Richard,

No problem....Lee our Head of Estates can answer this one (copied in).

Michael

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On 20 Jul 2017, at 19:56, Richard Wearmouth <richard.wearmouth@northumberland.gov.uk> wrote:

Michael

Ref the below from councillor Homer active Northumberland etc is going through some business planning and would like to understand how much they pay for offices for Northumberland tourism. We understand these are rented from arch and are located in Ashington.

Can we tell Cath how much they cost per annum ?

Best regards

Richard

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Cath Homer" <cath.homer@northumberland.gov.uk>
Date: 15 Jul 2017 15:40

Subject: Northumberland Tourism

To: "Richard Wearmouth" <richard.wearmouth@northumberland.gov.uk>

Cc:

Hello Richard

Do you have the cost in kind per annum for providing a home to the above organisation in Ashington?

Thanks, Cath

Catherine R. Homer

County Councillor - Hexham East

Cabinet Member; Portfolio - Culture, Arts, Tourism & Leisure



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